

# Mundabli language

**Mundabli** is a Southern Bantoid language of Cameroon. It is traditionally classified as a Western Beboid language, but that has not been demonstrated to be a valid family.

"Mundabli" is a village name. The language is spoken in the villages of Mundabli, Mufu, and **Bu**. The variety in Bu may be distinct enough to be considered a separate language.

## Phonology

Mundabli Consonant Phonemes<sup>[3]</sup>

		Labial	Dental	Palatal		Velar
				Plain	Labial	
Nasal		<u>m</u>	<u>n̪</u>	<u>ɲ</u>		<u>ŋ</u>
Plosive	voiceless		<u>t̪</u>			<u>k</u>
	voiced	<u>b</u>	<u>d̪</u>			<u>ɡ</u>
Affricate	voiceless		<u>t̪s̪</u>	<u>tʃ</u>		<u>kp</u>
	voiced		<u>d̪z̪</u>	<u>dʒ</u>		<u>gb</u>
Fricative		<u>f</u>	<u>s̪</u>	<u>ʃ</u>		
Approximant			<u>ɭ</u>	<u>j</u>	<u>ɥ</u>	<u>w</u>

Mundabli Vowel Phonemes<sup>[4]</sup>

	Front		Central	Back	
	Plain	Lowered		Lowered	Plain
Close	<u>i</u>	<u>ɪ</u>	<u>ɨ</u>	<u>ʊ</u>	<u>u</u>
Close-mid	<u>e</u>		<u>ə</u>	<u>o</u>	
Open-mid	<u>ɛ</u>			<u>ɔ</u>	
Open	<u>a</u>			<u>ɒ</u>	

There are four tones; extra high, high, mid, and low.

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Mundabli	
<b>Native to</b>	Cameroon
<b>Native speakers</b>	500 (2011) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Western Beboid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Mundabli</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<b>Dialects</b>	Mundabli <div>Bu</div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	boe
<b>Glottolog</b>	mund1328 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mund1328">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mund1328</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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